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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ON SINO-AMERICAN MILITARY COOPERATION

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TODAY'S PRAVDA CARRIES SEVERAL ITEMS THAT RAISE THE QUESTION OF SINO-AMERICAN MILITARY COOPERATION. THESE ITEMS INCLUDE PEKING'S COUNTERTENDANCE OF THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN ASIA, ALLEGED US-CHINESE SUPPORT FOR REBELS ON THE BURMESE-THAI BORDER, AND US WILLINGNESS TO SELL HEAVY TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS TO THE CHINESE. THIS "EVIDENCE" OF COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY THE LATTER, PROBABLY SHAKES THE SOVIETS IN WAYS THAT THEY DO NOT ALWAYS CARE TO ADMIT. ONE OF THE MAJOR SOVIET FEARS REGARDING THE RAPPROCHMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING HAS BEEN CHINA'S POTENTIAL FOR GAINING ACCESS TO SOPHISTICATED WESTERN TECHNOLOGY. THE CHINESE HAVE PURCHASED HEAVY HELICOPTERS FROM THE USSR AND PROBABLY FRANCE, BUT THEY CLEARLY DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES

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FOR BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY NEEDS. PRESS RUMORS THAT THE  
US MIGHT ALSO COOPERATE IN SETTING UP A HELICOPTER MANUFACTURING  
PLANT IN CHINA WILL ADD TO SOVIET ANXIETIES. STAT

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